

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), the unexpected death of an apparently healthy baby with no discernible cause, is a leading cause of infant mortality in our nation; and

WHEREAS, although there is presently no definite cause or cure for SIDS, medical organizations, including the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, provide recommendations for safe sleeping positions and environmental factors that may help reduce the risk of unexplained infant death; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of risk reduction practices, such as placing babies on their backs to sleep, choosing safe bedding, and creating tobacco-free environments, can help reduce the incidence of SIDS in the Palmetto State and across our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of safe sleep recommendations in an effort to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA